IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (RCE)

Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action, mailed April 4, 2008, which set July 4, 2008 as the initial deadline for response. Therefore, a Petition for a three-month extension of time until October 4, 2008 is enclosed herewith, and this Response is believed to be timely filed.

This Response also fulfills the requirements of the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Reconsideration in light of the following is respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remark/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.